in April, 1984 at the trijunction of Assam, West Bengal and Bangladesh but the same had to be suspended following unprovoked firing on CPWD workers by Bangladesh Rifles personnel. Thereafter the work was resumed in 1986. Since then, the work is continuing without interruption. The progress of work upto 31-3-1988 is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Progress of work of construction of Indo-Bangladesh Border Road upto 31st March, 1988

Sl. No.	Item of work	Assam Sector		West Bengal Sector		Meghalaya Sector		Tripura Sector	
		P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F
1	Survey	158 KM	30 lakhs	393 KM	19 lakhs	83 KM	8 lakhs	75 KM	5 lakhs
2	Land Acquisition	73 KM	146 lakhs	30 KM	78 lakhs	0 KM	60 7 lakhs (deposit of 80% advance)	0 KM	60 lakhs (deposit of 80% advance)
3	Road Embankment and Culverts.	24 KM	79 lakhs	17 KM	19 lakhs		———	Nil	..

NOTE : P — Physical
F — Financial.

Incentives under small savings schemes

1572. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any fresh incentives other than the existing ones for the depositors under the various Small Savings Schemes so as to attract more savings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present for grant of any fresh incentives to the depositors under the various Small Savings Schemes.

Loan to Local Bodies/Municipalities by LIC and other Public Financial Institutions

1573. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LIC and some other public financial institutions are extending loans to the local bodies/ municipalities for water supply and such other schemes of public amenities; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of such loans given to local bodies, *i. e.* Panchayats and Municipalities in Andhra Pradesh as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF